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SUBJECT: KUWAIT IHAWK PROGRAM: PROBLEM OF EGYPTIAN AIR  
DEFENSE ADVISORS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 791, (B) STATE 030245

1. I HOPE THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY AIR  
DEFENSE ADVISORS IN KUWAIT HAS FINALLY BEEN LAID TO REST,  
ALTHOUGH IT WILL PROBABLY STILL LIE ON AN UNEASY  
BIER. IN ANY EVENT, DURING MY MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER  
SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA FEB. 15 HE ACCEPTED NY PROPOSAL

(REF A) WHICH CALLED FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE EGYPTIAN  
ADVISORS FROM THE KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS TO THE  
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF. I MADE THE POINTS LISTED IN  
PARA 3 (A) THROUGH (D) AND HE AGREED THAT THIS REPRESENTED  
A REASONABLE SOLUTION OF HIS DILEMMA.

2. SHAIKH SA'AD HAD AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR MEETING  
INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A SOLUTION TO THIS  
PROBLEM AND THEREFORE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THIS PROPOSAL. I

PRESSED HIM TO SET A DATE FOR THE VISIT OF THE SITE SURVEY COMMUNICATION TEAMS, HOPEFULLY NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, AND HE AGREED TO WRITE ME A LETTER SHORTLY ON THIS MATTER. I SUGGESTED THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE EGYPTIAN ADVISORS TO THE

CHIEF OF STAFF'S OFFICE BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE SITE SURVEY TEAM ARRIVED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY PROBLEM. I ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE USLOKGFMS CASE AAA BE SIGNED PROMPTLY SO THAT WE COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE ONE OF THE AIR DEFENSE ADVISORS PROVIDED UNDER THE CASE PRESENT DURING THE SITE SURVEY. SHAIKH SA'AD SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THIS MATTER PROMPTLY WITH HIS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT, COL. AL-SAYEGH.

3. I ALSO TOOK THIS OCCASION TO EXPLAIN TO SHAIKH SA'AD THAT THE MOD REQUEST FOR VISAS FOR A TEAM OF EIGHT OFFICERS (INCLUDING ONE EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE ADVISOR) TO TRAVEL TO THE US TO ATTEND IHAWK AND A-4 CALIBRATION MEETINGS WOULD BE HONORED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EGYPTIAN OFFICER. I SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THOSE MEETINGS AND DURING SUBSEQUENT VISITS OF KUWAITI OFFICERS TO TRAINING SITES IN THE US, HE MIGHT WISH TO WITHDRAW THE NAME OF THE EGYPTIAN OFFICER FROM THE MOD REQUEST. HE AGREED TO THIS.

4. AS OUR MEETING CONCLUDED, I EXPRESSED TO SHAIKH SA'AD MY REGRET OVER THESE COMPLICATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE EGYPTIAN ADVISORS, BUT ASSURED HIM THAT OUR LEGAL REGULATIONS PERMITTED NO OTHER SOLUTION IN THE ABSENCE OF A TECHMACAL SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND EGYPT.  
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I HOPED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WE HAD AGREED UPON TODAY WOULD WORK OUT SMOOTHLY.  
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